

A Report of
A Day Training Workshop for NGOs on Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act - 2013

With support under 35AC Donations

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Session 1 – Welcome and Registration

Participants registered their details and Mr. Balaji Wagh, Training Officer, STAPI welcomed to all the participants for the Day Training workshop on Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act – 2013 with support under 35AC Donations on – 09 November 2016 organized by Sosva Training and Promotion Institute. Total 18 participants from 14 NGOs from three districts were present for this workshop.

Session 2 – Brief Background of Training Workshop

Chief Executive – STAPI welcomed to all participants and shared the reason behind organizing this workshop. She shared that Lokpal Act – 2013 is also applicable for the NGOs working in development sector so we need to be sensitized about this Act. Many organizations are not aware about this act and there is a urgent need to make them aware. We had a series of discussion within STAPI team and decided to arrange this workshop for NGOs working in social sector. There are many factors associated with this Lokpal Act and there is two sides whether it should be applicable or not to the NGOs. This workshop will focus on all these aspects in details. She also requested to all participants to give their opinion frankly during this workshop so that all participants will be having clarity on this topic.

Session 3 – Introduction of Participants

After the registration and welcome session, Mr. Vinod Bhalerao-Team Leader - Training and Capacity Building, STAPI requested to all participants to introduce them with their work expertise. Every participant introduced themselves and mentioned in brief about their role and nature and activities of their respective NGO's/Organization.

Session 4 – About STAPI

Mr. Vinod Bhalerao – Team Leader - STAPI briefed about the core activities and other projects run by STAPI. He shared that STAPI is a support service organization focusing on building the capacities of the voluntary organizations working in the diverse field of social sectors to enable them to play a more sustainable and

effective role in all sectors of socio-economic development in the service of the community particularly the under-privileged. This includes capacity building, NGO promotion and strengthening for their qualitative sustainable contribution for the betterment of society. He also showed the film of STAPI projects to the participants and briefed about it.

Session 5 – Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013 and Non Government Organization Important provisions in the Lokpal Act

Mr. Vijay Nadkarni- Member, STAPI started the session with small introductory round and what the participants having idea about this Act. He shared that this act is came into exist for public servant and the main object of this act is to prevent corruption in India. In this Lokpal Act – 2013, section 14 (G) and (H) are important changes for NGOs. i.e. any NGO receiving more than 01 crore grant annually will now be covered under the amended law.

Any NGOs receiving more than 10 lac from foreign sources under FCRA will be covered under this amended law. He shared that this act came into existence after movement of Mr. Anna Hajare against corruption in India. According to this act Lokpal is having the authority to do financial enquiry of Prime Minister, Member of Legislative Assembly, Member of Parliament and other public servant in case of financial irregularities. He also shared that there is no such Act of doing financial enquiry of organizations and Trust in any country. He also shared that Govt. has issued a circular on 20th June 2016 for providing declaration of wealth. There is no provision of financial enquiry under section 25 in company Act. He also raised a question, what is the hassle for NGOs to go for it. Whatever we get through funding, we should declare because they will not publish the data on website

Chief Executive read out the News paper cutting of Dr. Dilip Satbhai – Chartered Accountant, published in Dainik Sakal on 28/07/2016 and also discussion held on that in the group. Some participants were having the concern about submitting the financial details of trustee member and their family members who are earning money.

Mr. Vijay Nadkarni suggested organizing training of board members of NGOs because they have to submit the all financial details of them, so they should be trained about this Lokpal Act.

Session 5 – Panel Discussion

Adv. Jayant Shaligram – Legal Consultant facilitated this session. Mr. Vinod Bhalerao requested him to brief about Lokpal Act 2013 to the participants. Adv. Jayant Shaligram told about the need of this act, because Govt. pass many acts but not for failure, they have good intension behind passing such acts. He shared that committee of 05 people appoint the Lokpal. Selection Committee consists of the Prime Minister, Lok Sabha Speaker and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India or a Supreme Court judge nominated by President. Lokpal Act is an anti corruption Act of Indian Parliament of India. All entities receiving donations from foreign source in the context of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) in excess of Rs 10 lakh per year are brought under the jurisdiction of Lokpal. The Lokpal shall not inquire or investigate into any complaint, if the complaint is made after the expiry of a period of 7 years from the date on which such offence is alleged to have been committed. He also shared that while controlling or focusing on NGOs the same time the politicians for whom this act was came into existence that will be side tracked. Applicant means any person who is or has been a director, manager, secretary or other officer of every other society or association of persons or trust in receipt of any of any donation from any foreign source under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 in excess of Rs. 10 lakh rupees in a year. He needs to file returns online before 31st December 2016. Primary enquiry should be done within 90 days and prosecution should be done within 01 year. Lokayukta is selected for state level and Lokpal is selected at central level. During this process the complaint against the person is received, that person should be told and give sufficient time to put his side.

Following discussion held during this session:

- One participant asked that is this act really needed for NGSs?

Adv. Jayant Shaligram replied that this act is to prevent corruption and it is applicable for all public servant so we should accept this.

- If a organization doesn't file returns they what can be happened?

-There is no any provision of it in this act but after sensitization among all NGOs it will help to start it.

- One participant suggested that Govt. should organize the sensitization meetings for all NGOs because many NGOs are not aware about this act and the responsible person should be called for that meeting who can take decision.

- Adv. Jayant Shaligram shared that small organizations are not having issue but big trusts like TATA Trust etc. they will be feeling why should we because we are already working for many social cause.
- One participant asked a concern that if a person file wrong complaint against any person/organization they what can happen?
If a person does wrong complaint he can be charged fine up to 01 lac and punished imprisonment for one year
- He also shared that many acts like Right To Information Act 2005 is also came in existence for good governance in Govt. sector.
- Chief Executive-STAPI shared that due to this act organizations can face problem for getting foreign funding even we are failed to file returns then NGOs should have to surrender FCRA registration or can be cancelled the registration
- Adv. Jayant Shaligram also shared that if a person/organization fails to submit all financial details and if found undeclared assets then Govt. seal it.

Verbal Feedback by participants:

Ms. Asha Bhatt from Relief foundation, Chakan, Pune shared that we were not very much aware about this act but because of this workshop we got a clear idea about the Lokpal Act – 2013

Mr. Gavande from Ahmadnagar shared that STAPI is organizing many useful training for NGOs like us. He thanked to STAPI for providing a very good opportunity to us

Mr. Vijay Pawar from Utkarsha Shaikshnik wa Samajik Sanstha, Karad, Dist-Satara shared that we are very new in this social sector field and this type of trainings will be beneficial for us. Lokpal Act is also very important topic for all NGOs and we are thankful to STAPI for providing this opportunity to us.

Filling up feedback form:

Mr. Balaji Wagh distributed the blank feedback forms to all participants and requested to fill it and return back to him. He also shared that STAPI want to know the overall feedback about this training workshop. He also requested them to fill it with clear idea because STAPI want to know the success and lacuna of this training, which will help us to improve and organize it in good manner. He also requested to suggest new NGOs to whom STAPI can register them for future capacity building training program.

Distribution of certificates:

In the presence of Mr. Vijay Nadkarni and Chief Executive – STAPI, certificates of participation in training program were distributed to all participants.

Vote of Thanks:

Mr. Balaji Wagh –Training Officer-STAPI given vote of thanks to all the participants for attending the training workshop, he also thanked to both Resource persons for addressing the participants. In the end he also thanked to all donors who given donations under 35 AC donations for success of this training program.



Seen in the photograph Participant giving information of his organization during introduction round on 09/11/2016 during a day Training Workshop on Lokpal Act – 2016 for NGOs at STAPI, Pune with support of 35 AC Donations



Seen in the photograph Mr. Vijay Nadkarni – Member – STAPI facilitating the session on Lokpal Act – 2013 during a day Training Workshop on Lokpal Act 2013 for NGOs on 09/11/2016 at STAPI, Pune with support of 35 AC Donations



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Seen in the photograph Mrs. Asha Bhatt participant from Relief Foundation, Pune during the feedback session and from left Parinita Kanitkar – Chief Executive – STAPI and Mr. Amar Chavan – Program Officer – STAPI during A day Training Workshop on Lokpal Act – 2013 on 09/11/2016 at STAPI, Pune with support of 35 AC Donations